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Jamaica, Sept. 25.

WE have now a second Confirmation of the News from the *South Seas*, That the Privateers there are in great Distress; their Return home by Land is cut off by the *Indians* deserting them, and their Vessels are not sufficient (or they capable there of making them so) to carry them about by Sea, so that it is very probable we may in a little time hear that they are wholly destroyed.

The *French* Privateers, under the Command of Monsieur *Gramont*, have taken *Campeche*, where they found nothing but a parcel of *Indian* Corn, which is the chief Provision they had there to relie upon.

About five weeks since, a Sloop belonging to this place (which they took with her Lading of Provisions upon the High Sea, and prest into their Service) taking the advantages of some Disorder amongst them, got away in the Night, the Master reports, That the Men were very sickly, and they all in great want of Provisions; That their design upon *Merida* was quite given over; And that their greatest Concern was, how they should get again to Windward, the Generality of their Ships being so much out of Repair, that they thought it almost impossible for them so to do, without a new supply of Materials, which how to compass they could not tell.

From *Petit Guaves* we understand, That the *French* King hath lately given very strict Orders to his Governors in these Parts, for the Recalling of the Privateers from doing any further damage against the *Spaniards*, wherein hitherto they have been encouraged.

Captain *Mitchell* having supplied himself with such Necessaries as were wanting for His Majesties Ship, *The Ruby*, will sail out of Port to morrow, in order to his Cruising to the Windward part of the Island in search of Pyrats.

Milan, Novemb. 28. Our Governor the Count *de Melgar* returned hither on Saturday last from *Genoua*. We are told that his Excellency has received Orders to make a further Reform of the Forces in the Service of this State.

Venice, Novemb. 30. We have advice by Letters from *Corfu* of the 13th instant, that Captain General *Morosini*, was arrived there, with the Gallies of this State; That passing by the Castle of *Gominise*, which stood not far from *Corfu*, the *Turks* in Garison there fired several shot at our Gallies, upon which the Captain General caused some Troops immediately to Land, who made themselves Masters of the said Castle, and demolished it, having found there a great quantity of Provisions. On *Monday* last the Senate made choice of Signior *Lorenzo Venier* to be Captain Extraordinary of the Ships, in the place of Signior *Molino*, who had desired leave to quit that Command: And the same day Signior *Bapt. Nani*, Son of the Procurator of that Name, was chosen to go Ambassador from this Republick, to his Most Christian Majesty. By a Vessel arrived from the *Levant*, we have an account, that ten Men of War of *Barbary*, were arrived at *Cyprus*, to Lade Provisions there, which they were to carry to *Constantinople* and the *Morea*. From *Dalmatia* we have advice, that the *Vaivode Fanco* was marching with his *Cossacks* towards the Province of *Carbavia*, where he would be joyned by the Militia of the Government of *Carelstadt*. They write from *Rome* that the Pope had assured Cardinal *Pio*, that he would very suddenly send the Emperor a considerable supply of mony, which hath been raised with the consent of his Catholick Majesty, upon the Clergy of *Castille*, *Arragon*, *Sardinia* and *Majorca*. And that they had at *Rome* the news of the Death of Cardinal *Grimaldi*, who died the fourth of this month in the ninty one year of his Age. There are now 28 Places Vacant in the Colledge of Cardinals.

Vienna, Decemb. 2. The Emperor having declared to Cardinal *Bonvisi* the Popes Nuncio, that he very readily consented to refer the differences between the Elector *Palatin*, and the Dutchess of *Orleans* to his Holinesse's Arbitrage, the Courier who came lately from *Rome*, was two days ago sent back by the said Cardinal, to give the Pope an account of it. The Ambassador of *Venice* has employed several Officers to raise Men in the Empire, for the service of that Republick, and has desired leave for them to pass through the Emperors Territories; His Excellency received this week an Express from *Venice*, and has since had several Conferences with the Imperial Ministers. The Letters from *Upper Hungary* tell us, that the Princess *Ragotzi* absolutely refuses to receive an Imperial Garison into the Castle of *Montgatz*. That General *Caprara* was at *Caschaw*, having put all his Troops except the detachement he had sent towards *Mongatz* into their Winter-quarters; And that the Imperial Chamber is endeavoring to put the Emperors Revenues in that Kingdom upon their old Foot. The Emperor has given the Government of *Esperies* to General *Schaffenburg*. The Count *de Palsi*, will it's said, be made General of the *Hungarian* Forces, which we are assured will make the next Campagne a Body of 20000 Men. Our advices from *Turky*, say, that the Plague encreases very much at *Constantinople*, That Provisions are very scarce there, that the People throughout the whole *Ottoman* Empire, are under a very great Consternation, and very earnestly desire a Peace.

Ratisbonne, Decemb. 5. We are told from *Vienna*, That the Emperor will have 50000 Foot, and 30000 Horse in his Service the next Summer, besides the Auxiliary Troops of the Princes of the Empire. And that the *Turks* continue their Solli-

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